

Resources for Small Business

Both the State of Mississippi and the Federal Government offer resources to help existing small businesses grow and to help new entrepreneurs make their small business ideas a reality. Here are some important resources that are available to both existing small businesses and new entrepreneurs.

The Internal Revenue Service

The IRS is the governing body that is responsible for implementing tax provisions, as well as, providing the public with information on how to take advantage of tax provisions they are eligible for. To find more information on how to take advantage of these tax provisions and other small business tax issues, visit the Internal Revenue Service small business page at www.irs.gov/businesses/small

The Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses. The SBA

offers several assistance and loan programs to help small business grow. The SBA also assists small businesses in obtaining federal contracts as well as providing specialized assistance to veteran, women, and minority owned small businesses. For more information visit the SBA website by www.sba.gov .

Small Business Development Centers

Mississippi Small Business Development Centers (MSBDC) are located at various universities and Economic Development Centers across the state. It is a statewide partnership between higher education and economic development organizations dedicated to providing emerging and established business owners with assistance. The SBDCs offer small business counseling, workshops and events concerning small business growth, and can assist with loan and contracting procurement. SBDC's near Mississippi's 1st Congressional District are below. For more information you can visit the SBDC Network website at <http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/mssbdc/> or by calling 1-800-725-7232.

MSBDC State Office at the University of Mississippi
Jeanette Phillips Drive

P. O. Box 1848 B-19

University, MS

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Phone: (662) 915-5001

Fax: (662) 915-5650

Toll-Free in MS:

1-800-725-7232

e-mail: msbdc@olemiss.edu

Website:

<http://mssbdc.org/>

MSBDC at Mississippi State University

#1 Research Blvd., Ste 201 P.O. Drawer 5288 MS State, MS 39762-5288
Phone: (662) 325-8684

Fax: (662) 325-4016

MSBDC - University of Mississippi Business Assistance Center in Corinth

2759 S. Harper Road
Corinth, MS 38834
(Located inside the WIN Job Center)
Katie Drewry, Counselor
Counseling days: Wednesday and Thursday
Phone: 662-696-2311
E-mail: kcdrewry@olemiss.edu

MSBDC Business Assistance Center at University of Mississippi-Tupelo

The Renasant Center for Ideas (Tues. & Thurs.) Frank Wiebe, Counselor
fawiebe@olemiss.edu

398 East Main Street

Tupelo, MS

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Phone: (662) 680-6988

Other Helpful Resources:

National Federation for Independent Businesses

www.nfib.com

National Association for the Self Employed

www.sba.gov/localresources/index

National Small Business Association

www.nsba.biz

Small Business Guide to Government Grants and Loans

www.business.gov

Information for Minority-Owned Businesses

[www.business.gov/topic/minority-owned businesses](http://www.business.gov/topic/minority-owned_businesses)

Information for Self Employed Individuals

www.business.gov/topic/self-employed

Information for Veteran-Owned Businesses

[www.business.gov/topic/veteran-owned businesses](http://www.business.gov/topic/veteran-owned_businesses)

Information for Women-Owned Businesses

[www.business.gov/topic/women-owned businesses](http://www.business.gov/topic/women-owned_businesses)

Veterans in Business VA Site

www.vetbiz.gov

Patent and Trademark Information

www.uspto.gov

Complying with Employment and Labor Laws

www.dol.gov

Tax Information for Small Businesses

www.business.gov/topic/taxes